



City of League City, TX

300 West Walker
League City TX 77573

Meeting Minutes City Council

Monday, February 23, 2015

6:00 PM

Johnnie Arolfo Civic Center
400 West Walker Street

Council Work Session

The City Council of the City of League City, Texas met in a work session in the Johnnie Arolfo Civic Center at 400 West Walker Street on the above date at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor:

Tim Paulissen

City Council Members:

**Dan Becker
Tommy Cones
Heidi Hansing
Todd Kinsey
Geri Bentley
Keith Gross
Nick Long**

City Manager:

Mark Rohr

Deputy City Manager:

John Baumgartner

City Attorney:

Arnold Polanco

City Secretary:

Diana M. Stapp

Chief of Police:

Michael Kramm

Director of Engineering:

Earl Smith

Director of Finance:

Rebecca Underhill

Director of Human Resources/Civil Service:

Queenell Fox

Director of Parks & Cultural Services:

Chien Wei

Director of Planning & Development:

Paul Menzies

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Mayor Paulissen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and called the roll. All members of Council were present except Nick Long.

Absent 1 - Mr. Nick Long

Present 7 - Mayor Tim Paulissen, Mr. Dan Becker, Mr. Tommy Cones, Ms. Heidi Hansing, Mr. Todd Kinsey, Ms. Geri Bentley and Mr. Keith Gross

2. **DISCUSSION ON THE ETHICS REVIEW BOARD**

Mark Rohr, City Manager, said I don't want to get into the specifics of the different proposals but this was just something that was backed up and I moved it forward just to get it on the Councils radar screen for your discussion. There are two ideas that were advanced. One was prompted by a request by a council member to investigate different processes that stems back two or three months and I had Queenell and Bridget look into that and they produced one approach based on the research and I think it was primarily based on investigating what other cities did and what they did that worked effectively for them. The second I believe the city attorney produced for councils review. I don't know anything about that other than I think that's where it originated from. It wasn't any agenda other than it was something that was on the list and moved forward just because we had worked through everything on it.

Bridget Kramer, Assistant to the City Manager said we really couldn't find a city that does the jury selection primarily, but we did find that the University of Virginia does a combination. They even do a full board appointment like you are currently doing (combination of selection and appointment; or a combination of just student selections). We based our recommendation off of the combination of the two; doing appointments to ensure consistency and a structured jury selection process.

Arnold Polanco, City Attorney said there are instances where if the independent attorney (Ethics Compliance Officer) who is engaged to review any complaint comes forward and provides a recommendation that the alleged conduct is criminal in nature the board can on its own refer the matter to the District Attorney's office or the police with a request that it be pursued. Outside of criminal nature there are within the ordinance such references such as a letter of admonishment or reprimand or something of that nature where there is no monetary fine.

3. **DISCUSSION ON THE COUNCIL MEMBER TRAVEL POLICY**

Mark Rohr, City Manager, said this is another agenda item that the Mayor Pro Tem asked me to get on the agenda. It was on a waiting list until we could free up some other agenda items. We've done that and it's made its way to your agenda.

Ms. Bentley said in the past we just had a set amount that we used for travel and about a year ago we decided every council member would be allotted the same amount of dollars with the exception of the Mayor. In reality some of us are able to travel more than others and so one of the suggestions is to go back to our original plan that we had where we had a pool that we could draw on it rather than having a set amount.

4. **CONDUCT A WORK SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO RECEIVE INFORMATION CONCERNING AGENDA ITEMS APPEARING ON THE MEETING AGENDA FOR THE FEBRUARY 24, 2015 MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEAGUE CITY.**

NO VOTE OR ACTION WILL BE TAKEN ON ANY ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:55 p.m. Mayor Paulissen said there being no further business this meeting is adjourned.

**TIMOTHY PAULISSEN
MAYOR**

**DIANA M. STAPP
CITY SECRETARY**

(SEAL)

MINUTES APPROVED: